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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1774**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takashi HIRAGA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1774

Application No.: 09/913,315

Examiner: J. Gray

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Docket No.: 110345

For: MODIFICATION METHOD OF SURFACE LAYER OF MOLDED RESIN ARTICLE  
AND MODIFICATION APPARATUS OF SURFACE LAYER OF MOLDED RESIN  
ARTICLE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 20, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

**I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 19, 20, 24, and 25 contain allowable subject matter.

**II. Rejections**

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-10, 13-15, 17, 22, 40-50, and 53-57 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,783,011 to Chauffourneaux (US 011). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.